

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY

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S E C R E T MANAGUA 4859

LIMDIS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ES, HO, NU

SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS DISPUTE

1. GON GENERAL SOMOZA ADVISED ME DECEMBER 17 THAT HE HAD HAD A "MOST USEFUL AND SATISFACTORY" DISCUSSION WITH SAVLADORAN PRESIDENT MOLINA DURING SOMOZA'S STOPOVER IN SAN SALVADOR EN ROUTE TO MEXICO CITY. SOMOZA SAID THAT MOLINA HAD ASSURED HIM THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO REACH AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH HONDURAS. MOLINA CONFIRMED TO SOMOZA, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE PUBLIC ANY SOLUTION ARRIVED AT PRIOR TO THE MARCH SALVADORAN ELECTIONS.

2. MOLINA ASKED SOMOZA TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A SECRET MEETING THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK BETWEEN MOLINA AND LOPEZ AND ALSO TO INVITE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT ARANA. SOMOZA SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND EMPHASIZED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT MOLINA WAS SINCERE IN WISHING TO KEEP THESE SECRET  
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TALKS GOING BETWEEN THE HEADS OF SALVADOR AND HONDURAS IN ORDER

TO ENSURE THAT AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED BY THE TIME OF THE  
SALVADORAN MARCH ELECTIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT A RAPID CON-  
CLUSION TO THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.  
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